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Hello festive friends,

There's something impeccably magical about decorating a Christmas tree. Maybe it's the glowing Christmas lights reflecting onto glistening tinsel. Maybe it's reminiscing about old times while you listen to a warm, crackling fire accompany your favorite Christmas carols. Or maybe it's the simple act of coming together as a family to create something beautiful for everyone to enjoy during the holiday season. Christmas ornaments are perfect little keepsakes that bring a smile to your face every time you go to decorate your tree, and they're even better when they were made by your kids!

This eBook is a collection of homemade Christmas ornaments that you'll be proud to display on your tree year after year. Your kids will love letting their creativity loose on these Christmas crafts, and you'll love having a snapshot of the holiday memories you created together. These projects are simple yet sophisticated, and they're incredibly fun to make! From custom baubles to ornaments they can decorate with their tiny prints, these Christmas crafts for kids will make your family's holiday merry and bright.

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Snowy Scene Ornament

By: Lucy from Craftberry Bush

Ornaments are always great Christmas gift ideas, and this <u>Snowy Scene Ornament</u> is no exception. You can make this homemade Christmas gift in no time, and it's easier than it looks. Create any winter scene you can dream up inside this homemade Christmas ornament, from a festive tree to a candy cane to a cheerful penguin. You can even use salt for the snow. Just be sure to use plastic ornaments when you're making this Snowy Scene Ornament so you can get inside the bulb.



Materials:

- Clear plastic bauble
- Cardboard
- Epson salt or glitter
- **Instructions:**

- Miniature trees or any other items to create a snowy scene
- 1.) Gently cut bottom of plastic bulb, setting the bottom piece aside.
- 2.) Cut a circle of cardboard a little larger than the opening that you just cut.
- 3.) Hot glue desired scene onto cardboard making sure the height of your scene fits within the bulb
- 4.) Hot glue bulb onto cardboard.



5.) Trim cardboard around ornament.



- 6.) Remove hook from bulb and, using a funnel, pour Epson salt or glitter into the bulb.
- 7.) Retrieve the cut-off bottom piece of bulb and fill with Epson salt or glitter.



8.) Gently hot glue bottom piece of bulb onto bottom of the cardboard. To cover the visible edge between the two parts that have been glued back together, apply a coat of ModPodge or glue to bottom of the bulb up to the visible edge. Dip bulb into Epson salt. You now should have a nice frosty effect on the bottom of the bulb and the edge will not be noticeable.



9.) Bend a Q-tip slightly and insert into the bulb to clean the inside of the bulb, where some of the glitter or salt might have gotten stuck. Then you're done!

Jolly Round Belly Ornament

By: Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda

Stuff your tree with funny homemade kids' Christmas ornaments like Santa's full belly. The <u>Jolly Round Belly Ornament</u> is absolutely hilarious, and it doesn't take much effort or money to make others smile with it. This ornament will be a huge hit, and Santa will love it too. He takes pride in his full belly because it means that all of the good little kids are feeding him cookies! Show Santa you love him and his roundness with an ode to the tummy.



Materials:

- Red ball ornament
- Black felt
- Gold chenille stem

- Hot glue gun
- Scissors

- 1.) Cut a strip of black felt, about 3/4" wide, long enough to fit around the center of the ball ornament.
- 2.) Using the width of the felt as a guide, bend the chenille into a rectangle for the buckle and trim off the excess.
- 3.) Glue the buckle to the center of the felt strip.
- 4.) Glue the strip to the middle of the ornament and all the way around it, trimming excess and gluing in place.

Colorful Cookie Cutter Ornaments

By: Jill from Meet the Dubiens

Create custom ornaments with these Christmas crafts for kids. Colorful Cookie Cutter Ornaments are fast and easy kids' Christmas crafts that make great keepsakes. Even little ones can get in on the fun. These homemade Christmas ornaments are a great way for kids to express their creativity, since they have the freedom to use any colors they want for these cool Perler bead ideas. You can use any Christmas-themed cookie cutter you have to spare, or you can pick up a few from your local thrift store.



Materials:

- A baking sheet
- Unpainted metal cookie cutters
- Perler beads

- Parchment paper
- String/yarn/ribbon for hanging
- Oven

- 1.) Preheat your oven to 400F.
- 2.) Place a piece of parchment paper on a baking sheet and place your metal cookie cutters on top.



3.) Sort out your Perler beads into the colors you're going to want to use. Fill your metal ornaments in a single layer with Perler beads. You want them to just be in a single layer so they melt evenly. No overlapping!



- 4.) Place the baking sheet in the oven at 400F for 10 minutes. This will melt the beads enough that they stick together/stick to the sides of the ornaments, but not melt them completely.
- 5.) Take them out of the oven and let cool completely.
- 6.) Remove from the parchment paper they should remove very easily once cooled and string a piece of yarn/ribbon/string through one of the holes to hang from the tree.

Fingerprint Homemade Christmas Ornaments By: Plaid Enterprises

Give your Christmas tree a personal touch with <u>Fingerprint Homemade Christmas Ornaments</u>. Nothing says unique like a fingerprint, so make these homemade ornaments for a one-of-a-kind Christmas. Fingerprint art is simple and inexpensive, which means that you can make all three of these baubles without emptying your piggy bank. Give these homemade Christmas ornaments for kids as gifts to relatives, and watch as they get centrally displayed year after year. You fingerprint is so versatile, so get creative!



Materials:

- FolkArt Acrylic Paint-938 Licorice, 901
 Wicker White, 2578 New Leaf Green,
 938 Licorice, 901 Wicker White, 437
 Lipstick Red, 227 Bright Green, 524
 Calypso Sky, 2550 Daffodil Yellow, 938
 Licorice
- FolkArt Metallic Paint-671 Metallic Peridot, 664 Metallic Copper, 661 Metallic Black Sequin, 660 Metallic Pure Gold, 651 Metallic Blue Topaz

- Glass ball ornaments
- Green satin ribbon
- Rhinestones -green, red, clear
- Hot glue
- Glitter
- Gloss sealer
- Black rickrack

Instructions:

Snowy Christmas Tree Ornament

- 1.) Basecoat the ornament with Licorice. Allow to dry. Follow with a few coats of Metallic Black Sequin.
- 2.) Using your fingerprints and Wicker White create Christmas trees. Start with four fingerprints on the bottom row and add one less on each row.
- 3.) Using a dry brush or toothbrush, lightly splatter Wicker White to the ornament to create a snowy look.
- 4.) Paint the star with Pure Gold.
- 5.) Hot glue the rhinestones to the Christmas trees. Tie the green bow to the top.

Reindeer Polka Dot Ornament

- 1.) Basecoat the ornament with New Leaf Green.
- 2.) Using the end of the paintbrush and Peridot add polka dots to the ornament and sprinkle with glitter.
- 3.) Using your thumb press the nose of the reindeer in Copper. Using your finger press the head of the reindeer with Copper.
- 4.) With the end of the paintbrush, add two Wicker White dots for the eyes.
- 5.) With Licorice, paint the antlers, smile and dot in the eyes.
- 6.) Seal the ornament with gloss sealer. Hot glue the rhinestone nose.

Christmas Light Strand Ornament

- 1.) Basecoat the ornament with Metallic Blue Topaz.
- 2.) Using your finger, press the colors listed above around the ornament.
- 3.) Hot glue the rickrack to the middle of the ornament as shown.
- 4.) With Licorice add the light bulb details.
- 5.) Tie the green ribbon in bow on the top of the ornament.

Speedy n' Simple Santa Ornament

By: Ellen from The Long Thread

Thanks to Rudolph and his buds, the jolly, fat man can move pretty quickly. Good thing, too, because he has to fly around the whole world in one night. Move as fast as Santa's reindeer while making homemade Christmas ornaments for kids. You can complete a Speedy 'n Simple Santa Ornament before you finish singing "Jingle Bell Rock." That's lightning fast, and it's fun in a flash! Add some more glee to your Christmas tree.



Materials:

- Wooden ball (1 1/2" diameter)
- Red and white felt scraps
- Black acrylic paint

- White chenille stem (cut to 2")
- Twine
- Glue gun

- 1.) Cut out the hat and beard from felt according to this template.
- 2.) Bend the end of your chenille stem and cut to 2".

3.) Insert the chenille stem in the top of the hat felt and sew, right sides together, using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Turn right sides out and poke out the tip with a blunt tool.



4.) Place a couple of drops of glue on the inside rim of the hat and fit onto the wooden ball. Glue the beard on as well, just meeting the hat at the corners.



5.) Draw eyes with a pencil and then paint them on with black acrylic paint.



- 6.) Loop twine through the chenille stem and tie in a knot.
- 7.) Trim off the ends and put a tiny drop of glue to hold the knot in place just at the chenille stem. All done!

Button Wreath Ornaments

By: Jackie from Happy Hooligans

<u>Button Wreath Ornaments</u> are one of the most charming Christmas crafts for kids this holiday season. It is a great developmental craft for toddlers, and older kids will love executing this craft easily and creating patterned button wreaths. This Christmas craft for kids will be enjoyed by all who create one and all who observe them. They're a guaranteed hit.



Materials:

- Buttons
- Pipe cleaners
- Ribbon

- 1.) Thread your buttons onto a pipe cleaner. You might want to make a little loop at one end to prevent little ones from pushing the buttons right off the end of the pipe cleaner.
- 2.) When you get your wreath to the size that you're happy with, twist the ends of the pipe cleaner together to secure, and trim off any excess.
- 3.) You're going to see a bit of the pipe cleaner where you tied it off, as it makes a bit of a gap between the first and the last buttons. Just wrap that with a bit of ribbon and tie a decorative bow.
- 4.) Attach a loop, and hang it on your tree!

Dollar Store Cork Ornaments

By: Angie from The Country Chic Cottage

<u>Dollar Store Cork Ornaments</u> are a low-cost way to decorate your tree this holiday season. Homemade Christmas ornaments which can be made for less than \$5 are perfect for a time when money seems to constantly be spent. The tutorial gives a wonderful tip on how to paint perfect circles, which makes kids' crafts for Christmas doable at any age. You can add the foam as this tutorial does, or keep the project at an even lower cost by using just the cork.



Materials:

- Cork strips
- Paint
- Twine

- Paintbrushes
- Screwdriver
- Craft foam (optional)

- 1.) Dip the non-brush end of the paintbrush into your paint and dot the cork strips as much as you want. Allow the paint to dry.
- 2.) Cut the painted cork strips into Christmas tree shapes. If you're using craft foam as a backing for your ornament, cut the same shape into your craft foam.
- 3.) Use your screwdriver to make a hole in the cork.
- 4.) Make a loop through the hole using your twine and tie it.

Cute Egg Carton Angel

By: Mama Jodi from Meaningful Mama

This angel craft idea is the perfect way to save time and money during the hustle and bustle of the holidays. The <u>Cute Egg Carton Angel</u> is a recycled Christmas craft that doubles as an adorable homemade Christmas ornament for kids. You'll only need a few materials to make this recycled craft for kids, so you won't have to waste any time getting started. You can customize your Cute Egg Carton Angel with different beads and pipe cleaners. You can even draw your angel's face to look just like yours!



Materials:

- Glittery pipe cleaners
- Egg carton
- Feathers
- Beads
- Button
- Ribbon

- Wooden bead with a hole it in (1 inch or 25.4 mm)
- Thin markers
- Knife, pencil or something to use to poke a hole in the egg carton.

Instructions:

1.) Draw a face and hair on the wooden bead.



2.) Fold the pipe cleaner in half. Thread the pipe cleaner (folded end first) through the bead. Shape the top of the pipe cleaner to look like the halo. Then, put the two ends of the pipe cleaner through the button.



- 3.) Tie on a little white ribbon. You'll thread the pipe cleaner legs through two holes you poke into an egg carton piece.
- 4.) Poke a couple holes to stick in the feather wings. You can also thread beads onto the pipe cleaners, fold them up to create feet and trim to an appropriate length.

Shattered CD Ornament By: Natalie from Creme de la Craft

Rock n' roll with this cool homemade Christmas ornament. The <u>Shattered CD Ornament</u> is a fast and easy craft with a glamorous look. This recycled craft for kids will sparkle and shine on your Christmas tree. The Shattered CD Ornament is a quick gift for anyone on your list. Kids will have a blast making this Christmas craft; after all, how many times do you get to break a CD into pieces on purpose? This fun recycled CD craft is sure to be a hit.



Materials:

- Glass ornament
- CDs (Note: choose ones that are silver underneath and not blue/purple. It takes about 1½ to make 1 ornament)
- Scissors
- Glue gun

Instructions:

1.) Cut CDs into various small shapes and sizes. It's not the simplest material to cut through, but can be done with a decent pair of scissors.



2.) Glue a small dot onto the ornament and press a piece of mosaic on top with the shiny side facing up. Be sure to wipe away any remaining "spiderwebs" from the glue gun. I find it much easier to clean as you go then to wait until the end.



3.) Continue gluing until the entire ornament is covered. *Tip: You can also place the ornament on top of a small cup to hold in place as you glue.*



4.) Place some ribbon inside the ornament. Since you can see through the glass ornament, this will cover up the glue dots on the inside and the back side of the CD pieces. *Tip: Use bright ribbon to add some extra color.*



5.) You're done! Now make a bunch, hang 'em up and watch your tree sparkle!

Hot Chocolate Ornament By: Lucy from Craftberry Bush

The <u>Hot Chocolate Ornament</u> is an adorable homemade Christmas ornament for kids to make. This edible craft for kids doubles as a great homemade Christmas gift idea. You can hang the Hot Chocolate Ornament on your Christmas tree, or save it as a special treat for a frosty night. To give this ornament as a gift, you can hide it inside a festive mug. Just don't forget to tell your relatives that the sweet little snowman is actually a treat you can eat.



Materials:

- Clear glass bauble
- Dash of salt
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of powdered milk

- 1.) Stick a toothpick into a Cocoa Puff.
- 2.) Dip Cocoa Puff into melted white chocolate



- 1 ½ tablespoon of unsweetened cocoa powder
- Cocoa puffs
- White chocolate
- Red gumdrop

3.) Allow chocolate to harden and use additional melted chocolate to 'glue' together. You can use an orange sprinkle for the nose. Carefully use a toothpick to add eyes to the snowman with black food coloring.



4.) Cover a flat surface with sugar. Use a rolling pin to roll out your gumdrop and shape it into a cone shape for the hat and add the scarf.



5.) Do not remove the toothpick as this will help keep the snowman in place when you insert it into the bulb. As you 'build' the snowman, keep measuring the snowman against the opening of the bulb ensuring its size will fit the opening.





To create the inside of the ornament:

- 1.) Using a paper funnel, pour favorite hot cocoa recipe into bulb and slowly insert snowman into the ornament using tweezers.
- 2.) Sift icing sugar to create the snowy landscape and pour into the bulb.

Five Finger Snowman Ornaments

By: Linsey from Organized Chaos

<u>Five Finger Snowman Ornaments</u> are perfect Christmas gifts for kids to make, no matter their age. Even the tiniest tots can lend a hand and make these unique homemade Christmas ornaments. These kids Christmas crafts make memorable keepsakes and family gifts.



Materials:

- Glass ornaments
- White craft paint
- Paint brush

Instructions:

1.) Paint the hands.



- Sharpie markers
- Egg carton for drying
- Ribbon

2.) Place the ornament in the palm of their hand and have them wrap their fingers around it, keeping them spread apart. I helped a little by pressing some fingers.



- 3.) Let them dry.
- 4.) Paint the details onto your snowman.
- 5.) Add a bow for extra detail.



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Cool Holiday Hanging Icicles

By: Lori Keihl from Fun Art 4 Kids

Be cool this holiday season with fun winter activities for kids. Make <u>Cool Holiday Hanging Icicles</u> to hang on your Christmas tree, your trees outside, your porch, or your mantle. After turning your house into a winter wonderland, penguins may move in like in "Mr. Popper's Penguins!" That would be a pretty fun winter. Your home will be extra cool this winter with these shimmery, sparkling decorations.



Materials:

- White Model Magic clay
- Ornament hooks

- Glue
- White glitter

- 1.) Roll white Model Magic clay into simple carrot shapes. Make sure one end comes to a point and the other end stays flat.
- 2.) Push a hook into the top end of the icicle to create a small hole. Remove the hook and add one dot of Elmer's glue in that hole. Then press the small loop end of your hook into the icicle top. Gently press the clay around the hook to secure it.
- 3.) Dry overnight.
- 4.) When the clay is dry, cover it in glue and bury it in your choice of opalescent glitter. You can tint your glue with blue paint for a periwinkle effect if you want

Whoo-liday Felt Owl Ornament

By: Gail from That Artist Woman

A <u>Whoo-liday Felt Owl Ornament</u> is an absolute must-make Christmas craft for kids this winter. Homemade Christmas ornaments add a special touch to your tree, especially if your little ones contributed to the craft. Ask your children to pick a page from their favorite book. Maybe they'll choose their favorite Christmas story or a page that means a lot to them. Make sure you can get another copy before cutting up their favorite pages!



Materials:

- White felt
- Yogurt container for tracing
- Tacky glue
- Old book pages
- Gold colored felt
- Tan colored felt

- Large googly eyes
- Gold and silver sequins and gems
- Feathers
- Gold thread for hanging
- Clothespins

Instructions:

1.) Using the yogurt container or some other round object trace out a circle on your white felt and cut out.



- 2.) Using your book pages, cut a small triangle for the Owl's forehead and flower pot shape for the belly.
- 3.) Glue your flower pot shape onto the white felt slightly down from the middle. Put some glue on the felt on either side of the shape.



4.) Fold the felt over and hold for a few seconds while the glue sets up. You can use some clothespins to help you out.



- 5.) Put a dab of glue at the top of your flower pot shape and fold the felt down. You want to keep the ends open.
- 6.) Place a little bit of glue into the open corner and add a feather. Repeat on other side.



- 7.) Glue the little triangle onto the forehead.
- 8.) Cut 2 circles from the tan felt that are larger than your googly eyes. Glue into place on the owl.



9.) Cut a little beak triangle from the gold felt and glue into place.



10.) Add some bling!



11.) Using a needle, thread some gold thread through the top of your owl and make a loop for hanging. If you want you can gently fold the owl in a bit to add a little shape so it isn't so flat.

Toilet Paper Roll Reindeer

By: Jackie from Happy Hooligans

<u>Toilet Paper Roll Reindeer Ornaments</u> are goofy, cute, and low-cost. As far as kids' crafts for Christmas, this one is top-notch for you and the kids. Jackie's suggestion for free wallpaper samples makes this kids' Christmas craft affordable while still keeping it adorable. Have fun hanging these on the Christmas tree this holiday season and displaying your child's creative, imaginative artwork. Fun activities for children that result in Christmas decorations are a definite winner!



Materials:

- Toilet paper rolls
- Paint or wallpaper samples
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners

- Ribbon
- Pom poms or buttons
- Glue

- 1.) Cut toilet tubes in half. You can paint the tubes brown, or you can add a textured element and wrap your tubes with brown wallpaper samples.
- 2.) Once the tubes are covered, poke holes in the sides. Slide your pipe cleaner through the holes and shape into antlers.
- 3.) Glue on your googly eyes and your pom pom or button nose.
- 4.) Thread your ribbon underneath the ribbon and tie the ends together to make a loop. Paint a single egg carton cup brown.

Super Simple Santa and Rudolph Ornaments

By: Kelly from Smart School House

The most precious DIY ornaments are the most simple to make. Fun Christmas crafts don't need to be complicated, and that is proven by the Super Simple Santa and Rudolph Ornaments. These easy Christmas crafts can be made by all ages, but somehow they still look spectacular. Not only are they simple to make, but they also have a very uncluttered look, making them the perfect display piece. Give these charmers as gifts or hang them on your tree for a cheerful holiday season.



Materials:

- Clear plastic baubles
- Craft foam: brown and white
- Pre-made Santa hat
- Brown ribbon

- Red glitter pen
- Oven
- Sharpie
- Sharpie

Instructions:

1.) Cut the craft foam into strips.



2.) Push the strips into the ornament until full. Put the top back on.





- 3.) Add a brown bow.
- 4.) Decorate your ornament with a red glitter nose.

To make Santa:

- 1.) Repeat steps one and two from the Rudolph tutorial using white craft foam.
- 2.) Glue the pre-made Santa hat onto the top of the ornament.

Santa's Little Helper Ornaments

By: Plaid Enterprises

Give your Christmas tree some elf-esteem this year with the cutest <u>Santa's Little Helper Ornaments</u>. These homemade Christmas ornaments are double the fun. If two is too few, make your house into Santa's Workshop and employ a whole slew of elves for your tree. Honor the men and women who make your gifts by giving them a prime spot this Christmas. Santa will feel at home when he slides down the chimney and finds these adorable, realistic-looking elves from Plaid smiling back at him.



Materials:

- Apple Barrel ® Colors, 2oz: Limeade, Mango, White, Black, Nutmeg Brown, Christmas Green, Cardinal Crimson
- 2 Styrofoam cones 2 7/8" x 5 7/8"
- 2 Styrofoam balls 3"
- E6000 Glue
- 2mm foam sheets green, red, and white
- 2 silver tinsel chenille stems

- Scissors
- Craft knife
- Butter knife
- Spoon
- Ruler
- Large jingle bells one red and one green
- 1/8" Flat brush
- #1 Liner brush

Instructions:

- 1.) Mix one part Mango to three parts Wicker White.
- 2.) Cut two pairs of ears from foam. Paint ears and Styrofoam balls with Mango/Wicker White mixture. Let dry.

PROJECT TIP: Insert a brush handle or dowel rod into Styrofoam ball to hold while painting. Make sure the hole is at the top of head when painting hair and gluing on hat.

3.) Cut a slit on either side of ball with craft knife. Glue and insert ears.

- 4.) Paint hair. Add cheeks with dry stencil brush. Paint face details with liner brush and any dots using opposite end of paintbrush.
- 5.) Measure 3" down from top of cones and cut with butter knife. Slightly scoop out cut end and press in with thumb to smooth out edges.
- 6.) Paint one cone green and the other red. When dry, paint stripes horizontally and vertically as shown to create plaid.
- 7.) Glue to tops of heads. Glue chenille stems around bases of hats.
- 8.) Cut one red and one green foam collar. Add dots to tips and glue to bottoms of heads.
- 9.) Twist wire around paintbrush handle. Secure jingle bell to one end and glue other end into top of hat.

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Inspirational Ornaments

By: Mariah for Playful Learning

<u>Inspirational Ornaments</u> are Christmas crafts for kids and adults alike. Handmade ornaments are wonderful on their own, but displaying an inspiring message makes them even more special. These are some of the best Christmas ornaments to make because they're personal and meaningful, making great gifts. The kids will absolutely love making each unique ornament, especially since there's dough involved!



Materials:

- Salt dough recipe ingredients (You can use the <u>recipe from FaveCrafts</u>)
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutters

- Alphabet stamps
- Chopsticks
- Clear glossy spray paint
- Decorative ribbon

- 1.) After making the dough, roll it out and use cookie cutters to make your desired shape.
- 2.) Use alphabet stamps to spell out the words you want on the ornaments.
- 3.) Create a small hole at the top of the ornament using a chopstick.
- 4.) Once cool, spray a light coat of clear glossy paint for style and durability.
- 5.) Thread the ribbon through the hole and tie it in a loop.

Playful Penguin Snow Globe Ornaments

By: Gail from That Artist Woman

<u>Playful Penguin Snow Globe Ornaments</u> are perfect crafts for Christmas. Depending on their age, they'll need your help, but you'll love making these homemade Christmas ornaments too. You can't help but let the jolly penguins put a big smile on your face. Making these will increase your child's dexterity and attention to detail since they are mostly made of pipe cleaners. These ornaments are sure to add spunk to this year's decorations.



Materials:

- Tacky glue
- Glitter glue
- Small plastic cup
- Pony beads
- Black, orange, and white/silver pipe cleaners

- White felt
- Sequins
- Pinking scissors
- Googly eyes
- Thread (for hanging)
- Pencil

Instructions:

1.) Cut out a circle about 1/2 inch larger in diameter than the cup.



2.) Using the pinking shears or decorative paper cutters, cut a nice scalloped edge all the way around.



3.) Thread your pony bead with your hanging thread and tie in a knot to make a loop.



4.) Glue directly to the top of your cup with tacky glue. While it is drying you can work on the penguins.



5.) Take an orange pipe cleaner and cut in half. Now bend this in half. Twist a bit together leaving the ends separate. These are your penguin feet.



6.) Now take a full black pipe cleaner and wrap around a pencil nice and tight.



7.) When you slide it off it should look like this.



8.) Insert the orange pipe cleaner inside the black coil. About two coils from the top bend your orange pipe cleaner so it sticks out. This is your beak and those 2 coils at the top is the top of the head.



- 9.) Take your white felt and cut a little oval. Glue on the belly of your penguin. Glue on some eyes.
- 10.) Repeat steps 5-9 to make a second, smaller penguin. Cut your orange pipe cleaner about a 1/2 an inch shorter and scrunch down the black coil a bit.



11.) Glue your penguins to the cardstock circle.



12.) Add some loose sequins on the paper.



13.) Run a bead of glue all around the bottom edge of the cup.



14.) Put into place over the penguins.



15.) Measure your silver/white pipe cleaner to fit around the bottom edge of the cup, and leave a little extra to twist together in a circle. Run some glue around the base of the cup and then slide the pipe cleaner down. You can use some glitter glue to add some sparkle to the pipe cleaner.



16.) Let the glue dry fully and then you have a cute little snow globe ornament.

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